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Applicant	KURARAY CO., LTD.		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ 1-31 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

pages _____ 1-7 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.

PCT/JP03/09317

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: US, 5693611, A

Document 2: US, 6169184, B1

Document 3: Tetrahedron, 20 May, 2002 (20.05.02), Vol. 58, No. 22, pages 4429-4438

Document 4: JP, 2000-80082, A

Document 1 is a document also cited in the specification of the present international application, and describes a process for producing a 5-aryl-2-alkoxypyridine derivative comprising the step of subjecting a 5-(boric acid)-2-alkoxypyridine and a halogenated pyridine compound to a coupling reaction using a palladium catalyst.

Documents 2 and 3 respectively describe an aryl cross-coupling reaction in which 2-benzenesulfonylpyridine or any of its derivatives is made to react with an organic magnesium compound or organic zinc compound. Furthermore, document 3 describes that if no catalyst is used, a cross-coupling reaction takes place selectively.

Moreover, document 4 describes a process for producing a 2-substituted pyridine derivative by letting a 2-arylsulfonylpyridine and an arylating agent react with each other, and also describes that a lithium compound can be used as the arylating agent.

None of the above-mentioned documents describes an aryl cross-coupling reaction in which (1) a 2-benzenesulfonylpyridine derivative and (2) an organic metal reagent consisting of (a) a metal selected from group 1, group 2, group 12 and group 13 metals and (b) a heterocyclic compound react with each other, though the production process described in claims 1-8 includes the reaction. So, the production process described in claims 1-8 appears to be novel, since it conforms to PCT Article 33 (2).

However, since documents 2-4 respectively describe a method for introducing an aryl substituent group into the 2-position of a pyridine ring without using a transition metal catalyst, a person skilled in the art could have easily employed the process in which 2-benzenesulfonylpyridine or any of its derivatives is made to react with an organic magnesium compound, organic zinc compound or organic lithium compound, as the method for introducing a heteroaryl substituent group into the 2-position of a pyridine ring based on the descriptions of these documents. Therefore, the production process described in claims 1-8 does not appear to involve an inventive step, since it does not conform to PCT Article 33 (3).